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## OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6508

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION REGARDING FALSE STATEMENT.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill renames two false statement crimes. It renames 1st degree false statement as “false statement on a certified payroll” and 2nd degree false statement as simply “false statement.”

The bill also makes technical, clarifying, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***1st and 2nd Degree False Statement***

By law, someone commits 1st degree false statement (renamed “false statement on a certified payroll” by the bill) when the person:

1. intentionally makes a false written statement on a certified payroll submitted pursuant to the prevailing wage law for state and municipal construction contracts,
2. does not believe the statement to be true, and
3. intends that the statement mislead (a) a contracting authority or (b) the labor commissioner in carrying out her statutory duties related to employment regulation.

First degree false statement is a class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000 fine, or both.

Someone commits 2nd degree false statement (renamed “false statement” by the bill) when the person:

1. intentionally makes a false written statement that the person does not believe to be true;
2. intends that the statement mislead a public servant in performing his or her official function; and
3. makes the statement under oath or pursuant to a form bearing notice, authorized by law, to the effect that false statements made therein are punishable.

Second degree false statement is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000 fine, or both.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea    44    Nay   0    (04/16/2013)